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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/594,596
Filed: June 15, 2000
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Plants
Inventors: ANDERSEN *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15878)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2002; and
2. a return postcard.

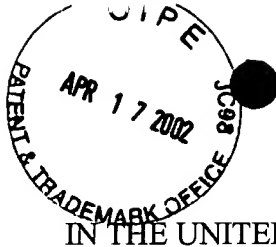
Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If, however, any fees are due in conjunction with this filing, including any extension of time fees required to prevent abandonment, then such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 38-21(15878)B. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*

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Amendment and Response

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks in response to the January 17, 2002 Office Action (Paper No. 5) as follows.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125 referencing matter number 38-21(51878)B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that encodes a wheat protein or fragment of a wheat protein comprising nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 1.

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